



Anne Chase LeDuc

October 3, 2020

Anne Chase LeDuc, born June 15, 1925 died October 3, 2020. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis Bronson LeDuc and Bessie Daniel Catlett LeDuc and her brother, Louis Bronson LeDuc, Jr. On her maternal side, Anne was the descendent of one of our nation's founders, Patrick Henry and on her paternal side her LeDuc forebearers were early settlers of Minnesota including one who was a Union general in the Civil War.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, Anne enjoyed a storybook childhood. She attended Haddonfield Friends School where she excelled in sports from an early age. At age five, she was the only girl on the baseball team and by her own admission, "probably better than all the boys." In 1937, Anne's family moved to Moorestown where she attended Moorestown Friends School, graduating in 1943. Anne lived several places early in her career but eventually moved back to her childhood home where she continued to live until her death. It was during high school that Anne first experienced the Tegawitha field hockey camp in Tobyhanna, PA. The legendary Constance Applebee, credited with bringing field hockey to the US, ran the camp and became a life-long mentor and friend to Anne.

Anne received an athletic scholarship (a rarity at the time) to Rollins College in Winter Park, FL from which she graduated in 1947 with a BA in Psychology and Education and later received an MA in Philosophy and Social Science

from Columbia University Teachers' College. During these years she moved her focus from tennis to field hockey and earned a spot on the US Touring Team traveling to South Africa, Britain, Australia and the Fiji Islands. After college, Anne coached in Baltimore, MD and Montclair, NJ before settling into an extended career at George School, Newtown, PA where she coached swimming, lacrosse, basketball and field hockey from 1962 to 1993. Before starting at George School, Anne worked in New York City for the Multiple Sclerosis Society first as field director and later as Director, the only woman at that time who was head of a major non-profit.

At George School, Anne coached hockey, swimming and lacrosse in addition to being a dorm parent. She became Girls' Athletic Director, supervising numerous coaches, while also coaching varsity field hockey, lacrosse and a basketball team that won the Friends Schools League Championship in 1987. As one of the founding members of the Friends School League, Anne dreamed of a league made up of like-minded schools and with equal opportunities for female athletes. Today the turf field bears the name Cougar Field and honors Anne and other long-time coaches.

Upon retirement, Anne was able to pour all her resources into saving her beloved Chalfonte Hotel in Cape May, NJ. from the wrecking ball. Anne remembers playing on the porch of the Grand Ole Dame at age two. She loved the hotel for more than half of its 200 years. "The Chalfonte is one of the true loves of my life," Anne said, "More than a commercial hotel, more than a state of mind, it is about feeling, and people and recreating. The Chalfonte is a wonderful supportive and caring community. It is my second home!"

Anne, along with fellow George School teacher, Judy Bartella, helped the Satterfield Family manage the Chalfonte and then purchased the hotel in 1982. Anne and Judy developed work weekends in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania and University of Maryland, allowing much needed work to be done by architectural students for credit. Anne nursed the hotel

through decades of renovation, preservation and good times. As driven and competitive as Anne was, she was also humorous. Those who knew and loved her are imagining her singing the infamous “Prunie Song” right now.

We would like to give special thanks to Anne’s caregivers in her final years, Delia Mercene and Amamatu Halieu, Elizabeth Berbette, her Care manager and Chris Forward, her Nurse Practitioner. Anne leaves behind her goddaughters, Mary Hughes Reid and Susan Sullivan, Amanda Sullivan, her business partner and friend, Judy Bartella and friends too numerous to count. A quote from *The Chalfonte*, a book by Karen Fox, “There are horse whisperers and dog whisperers, Anne is a people whisperer.”

A Memorial Page has been set up at www.gatheringus.com/AnneLeDuc for friends to write memories of Anne. A Virtual Service will be held on Thursday, October 15 at 5 PM at the same site. The zoom link will be sent by invitation. If you are interested in receiving an invitation to the service please email AnneLeDuc2020@gmail.com Anne’s ashes will be interred in the garden at Trinity Episcopal Church, Moorestown, NJ where she was a long-time member.

Anne was a very generous philanthropist contributing over many years to numerous, charities especially those related to animals. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the World Wide Fund for Nature (formerly World Wildlife Fund) at wwf.panda.org or another animal charity in her memory.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Garden

207 W. Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Virtual

OCT **15**. 5:00 PM.

Virtual Portal

Tribute Wall



“ Anne Chase LeDuc

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ almost 20 years ago I was a consultant for Ann and the Cape May Hotel. I spent two summers Consulting for her and her partner. I had an office in Manhattan at that time and I would come down by bus and spend the summer it was a glorious time. I woke up this morning thinking about Anne.it's been 3 years since her passing but it's never too late to think about someone you liked. Joyce FAIOLA

Joyce Faiola - September 08, 2023 at 08:17 AM



I too was a consultant for Ann. She was definitely one of a kind.. love the way she treated everyone, regardless of age, color, nationality, or gender. I loved her humor and look forward to seeing her at the Chalfonte hotel during my frequent visits. The Chalfonte was a true love of hers primarily because of all of her friends there. And all of the families that spent vacations in Cape May at her hotel..

I think about Anne a lot, big boss. She was such a unique person and one that I admired for so many of her qualities. Commitment, caring, trusting, giving, and so much more. Whenever she smiled or laughed, it was contagious. Everyone that met her automatically loved her. I am one of those people. I will always be thankful for having had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with Anne and her family of friends.. thank you Ann! You bright a lot of pleasure for many people during your life. I will always remember you!!! Enjoy heaven Fine Lady!!!

Frank Reagoso - April 25 at 11:21 PM



“ Anne Chase LeDuc

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MW

“ *Ann was a valued member of the Christian Education Commission at Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown. She was a wonderful caring woman of vast expertise in so many areas. Her support of this commission was invaluable. Her friendship with me will always be remembered. Sincere sympathy to her family and friends. May God's peace be with you and surround you with many memories of Anne. Mary E. Wenzler*

Mary E Wenzler - October 18, 2020 at 10:39 PM

PT

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Pam Thorsen - October 15, 2020 at 08:33 PM

MG

I was one of the lucky ones as I got to know Anne LeDuc at the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings, MN. I was an educator at the LeDuc so I had a privilege very few other people had. It was a very exciting weekend in 2012 when Anne and the Williams family visited. I found them to be very vital, warm, caring, preservation minded people. The community welcomed them with open arms and the visitors who came to meet them fairly burst the seams of the very large house. We are all the richer for having known them. Every time I go into the parlor at LeDuc I see the general's sword and am once again reminded of the family visit. With sincere sympathy & gratitude, Margaret Goderstad

Margaret Goderstad - October 16, 2020 at 02:08 PM



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Lewis Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 06:28 PM

CP

“ Anne was a dear friend on and off the the field hockey pitch. I will miss Anne dearly and her running commentary on topical subjects that were always amusing, informative and beneath it all, passionate. I will miss Anne losing so many items and then all of us finding them! I will miss Anne as a best friend. To quote Dr. Seuss:
“Don't cry because it's over
Smile because it happened.”
That was Anne's life.
I will always remember Anne's vivaciousness, spirit, humor and laugh.
To my vibrant, special friend, i say:
Hail and Farewell, dear Anne.
Chickie Poisson

Chickie Poisson - October 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JW

“ *Our BC meetings won't be the same without you, Anne. Throughout many years, we have come to know you as our Friend and have appreciated your intelligent contributions to our monthly discussions. We will remember our luncheons at The Chalfont in Cape May as well as our summer meetings and Christmas luncheons at your home. May you rest in peace. You will be missed. We also want to extend our condolences to members of Anne's Family. Fondly, Members of Trinity's Book Club. Jackie Whitfield, Chairperson.*

Jackie Whitfield - October 11, 2020 at 05:14 PM

RW

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Rob Williams - October 07, 2020 at 09:06 AM